

Inspection date

23/06/2014

Previous inspection date

08/01/2014

The quality and standards of the early years provision

This inspection:

Not Met

Previous inspection:

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The quality and standards of the early years provision

The provision does not meet requirements

- The childminder fails to meet all of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and the requirements of the Childcare Register. As a result, children are not safeguarded.
- The childminder shows she is unfamiliar with, and therefore has failed to follow, appropriate safeguarding procedures. As a result, she has not taken all the necessary steps to safeguard children. She has not reported concerns about one of her assistant's behaviour to the Local Authority Designated Officer, before any type of investigation is undertaken.
- The childminder has attended a number of safeguarding training courses, including a safer recruitment course. However, she has a poor understanding of how to keep children safe. She has failed to notify Ofsted of changes to the assistants working on the premises, by supplying the required information, in order for Ofsted to carry out relevant suitability checks. This compromises children's safety.
- Through discussion, the childminder demonstrates a poor understanding of child protection procedures. Consequently, her procedures are not in line with Local Safeguarding Children's Board procedures. As a result, she lacks the ability to protect children and provide appropriate support, advice and guidance to her assistants.
- Through discussion and documentation, the childminder demonstrates a poor understanding of how to deal with concerns and complaints from parents. This does not ensure parents' views about their child's care and learning are suitably addressed.
- The childminder does not undertake effective risk assessments. Therefore, she does not identify hazards around her home, which significantly compromises children's safety.
- The childminder demonstrates she has an adequate knowledge of the learning and development requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage, therefore she can support children's learning.

Information about this inspection

Inspections of registered early years provision are:

- scheduled at least once in every inspection cycle – the current cycle ends on 31 July 2016
- scheduled more frequently where Ofsted identifies a need to do so, for example where provision was previously judged inadequate
- brought forward in the inspection cycle where Ofsted has received information that suggests the provision may not be meeting the legal requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage or where assessment of the provision identifies a need for early inspection
- prioritised where we have received information that the provision is not meeting the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and which suggests children may not be safe
- scheduled at the completion of an investigation into failure to comply with the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

There were no children on roll when this inspection took place. The findings in this report are based on evidence gathered from discussions with those who care for the children and an inspection of the premises, equipment and relevant documentation. Where there are no children on roll, no judgement is made on the quality of the early years provision as there is no reliable evidence on which to assess its impact on children. The report states whether the provider continues to meet the requirements of registration.

The provision is also registered on the voluntary and compulsory parts of the Childcare Register. This report includes a judgment about compliance with the requirements of that register.

Inspection activities

- The inspector spoke with the childminder and assistant during the inspection and examined documentation covering children's records, policies and procedures, including safeguarding and complaints procedures.
- The inspector looked at all the parts of the premises used for childminding.
- The inspector checked evidence of suitability and qualifications of the childminder and her assistants and discussed the childminder's improvement plan.

Inspector

Christine Armstrong

Full report

Information about the setting

The childminder was registered in 2001 and is on the Early Years Register and the compulsory and voluntary parts of the Childcare Register. She lives with her adult child and partner in Bilston, West Midlands. She is registered to operate as a childminder or as a childcare provider on domestic premises at this property and as a childminder at a nearby property. At times, she works with assistants who may also have sole care of the children, providing this is for a period less than two hours. Care is provided from two addresses, being a mid-terraced property, with two main rooms and a small rear yard and a first floor flat. The childminder may also offer overnight care at either property. The childminder visits the shops and park on a regular basis. She collects children from a number of local schools and pre-schools. There are currently 35 children on roll, 15 of whom are in the early years age group and attend for a variety of sessions. The childminder operates all year round from 7am to 6pm. There were no children present at the time of the inspection.

What the setting needs to do to improve further

We will issue a Welfare Requirements Notice requiring the provider to:

ensure the practice of risk assessment is fully understood and is rigorous in identifying potential risks to children's safety.

To meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage the provider must:

- ensure policies and procedures to safeguard children are fully understood and are robustly implemented, particularly in relation to the action taken in respect to any allegations against a member of staff and identifying and responding to signs of possible abuse and neglect of children
- put in place an appropriate procedure for dealing with concerns and complaints from parents that includes the procedure to investigate complaints relating to their fulfilment of the Early Years Foundation Stage requirements
- provide support, advice and guidance to staff on an ongoing basis, and on any specific safeguarding issue as required.

The Childcare Register

The requirements for the compulsory part of the Childcare Register are

**Not Met
(with
actions)**

The requirements for the voluntary part of the Childcare Register are

**Not Met
(with**

actions)

To meet the requirements of the Childcare Register the provider must:

- ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)
- put in place effective systems to ensure that any person caring for children is suitable to work with children (compulsory part of the Childcare Register)
- ensure that all necessary measures are taken to minimise any identified risks (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)
- put in place effective systems to ensure that any person caring for children is suitable to work with children (voluntary part of the Childcare Register)

What inspection judgements mean

Registered early years provision

Grade	Judgement	Description
Grade 1	Outstanding	Outstanding provision is highly effective in meeting the needs of all children exceptionally well. This ensures that children are very well prepared for the next stage of their learning.
Grade 2	Good	Good provision is effective in delivering provision that meets the needs of all children well. This ensures children are ready for the next stage of their learning.
Grade 3	Requires improvement	The provision is not giving children a good standard of early years education and/or there are minor breaches of the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. It will be monitored and inspected within twelve months of the date of this inspection.
Grade 4	Inadequate	Provision that is inadequate requires significant improvement and/or enforcement action. The provision is failing to give children an acceptable standard of early years education and/or is not meeting the safeguarding and welfare requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. It will be monitored and inspected again within six months of the date of this inspection.
Met		The provision has no children on roll. The inspection judgement is that the provider continues to meet the requirements for registration.
Not met		The provision has no children on roll. The inspection judgement is that the provider does not meet the requirements for registration.

Inspection

This inspection was carried out by Ofsted under sections 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006 on the quality and standards of provision that is registered on the Early Years Register. The registered person must ensure that this provision complies with the statutory framework for children's learning, development and care, known as the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Setting details

Unique reference number	403397
Local authority	Wolverhampton
Inspection number	963161
Type of provision	Childminder
Registration category	Childminder
Age range of children	0 - 17
Total number of places	6
Number of children on roll	35
Name of provider	
Date of previous inspection	08/01/2014
Telephone number	

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Sessional provision operates for more than two hours but does not exceed three hours in any one day. These are usually known as pre-schools, kindergartens or nursery schools

and must deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage. They are registered on the Early Years Register and pay the lower fee for registration.

Childminders care for one or more children where individual children attend for a period of more than two hours in any one day. They operate from domestic premises, which are usually the childminder's own home. They are registered on the Early Years Register and must deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Out of school provision may be sessional or full-time provision and is delivered before or after school and/or in the summer holidays. They are registered on the Early Years Register and must deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage. Where children receive their Early Years Foundation Stage in school these providers do not have to deliver the learning and development requirements in full but should complement the experiences children receive in school.

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